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COVER PICTURE: IN THE SWIM! Members, families and friends of Tunbridge Wells Branch enable spastic children from the De La Rue School, Tonbridge, to exercise in Tunbridge Wells swimming bath.

Photograph by Michael T. Wheeler

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INTO THE POOL

NO DOUBT in Branches all over the world WINSTON CHURCHILL has been remembered with proud thanksgiving. Future generations will know of him as a leader and shaper of world history,

Winston but we who have lived in his time will be
Churchill thankful, not only for those elements of greatness which set him apart, but for his ordinary human qualities—even weaknesses—which made him seem so very much like one of us. The man who excelled in so many spheres of activity was at one time the plodding schoolboy dunce; indeed throughout his long life he never lost that touch of endearing schoolboyishness. It was a marvel that he who so bestrode the world could turn, in a flash of fun, from crushing responsibilities to the puckish irresponsibility of the naughty schoolboy. He walked with kings nor lost the common touch.

IN THE TWO previous years the Annual Report of Toc H has appeared virtually in two parts, the first a factual report for submission to the Central Council and the second a descriptive

Annual supplement to the April JOURNAL, presenting
Report some pictures of a whole variety of Toc H activities at home and abroad. Last year's supplement, *Whole Men*, and its predecessor, *Code of Friendship*, gained wide approval and were well used in presenting Toc H to new friends. This year, in view of the volume of special Jubilee literature which is coming out, we have returned to the former practice of having only one Annual Report which will appear as a supplement to the April JOURNAL. It will, however, include a descriptive section and should therefore be useful ammunition in the hands of extension enthusiasts.

SOME TWELVE THOUSAND Etembeni brochures are now in circulation. We hope they will all be put to good use to swell the rising tide of donations now coming in. All this money is needed for

Etembeni Progress immediate use, for since October we have been sending £200 each month to Don McKenzie for the employment of an agriculturalist and

health visitors. We are thankful to report that Don has made a good recovery from his recent illness and, whilst he has had to give up being Honorary Commissioner for Toc H South Africa, he is now able to concentrate his attention upon the Etembeni Project.

AT THE TIME of last year's quatercentenary celebrations we invited correspondents to submit quotations to show that the Bard was well acquainted with Toc H. We have been reminded that

Shakespeare and Toc H in the JOURNAL for January 1953 John Durham produced a magnificent collection of shrewd quotations, as did Gerry Hayes in the issue for March 1939. It is hard to choose from such rich collections, but we liked especially the Jobmaster; "I like thee well and will employ thee in some service presently", *Two Gentlemen of Verona*; on the subject of meetings, "Where are all the rest? 'Tis nine o'clock", *Merchant of Venice*; and on initiation, "He attendeth here hard by, to know your answer, whether you'll admit him", *Merchant of Venice*.

THERE WAS A TIME when it could be said, with much truth, that our best ambassador abroad was the British Serviceman. Nowadays the ambassadors most likely to succeed are the ordinary

Opportunity Overseas civilians, skilled or semi-skilled, doctors, teachers, engineers, agriculturalists, etc., who go to all parts of the world to work in partnership with the people of the developing countries. The varieties of opportunity for work abroad are so numerous that Overseas Service has produced an invaluable booklet entitled *Work Overseas*. This explains why people are needed to go abroad, the various occupational groups most in demand, and the types of service available. A section deals with the various organisations in this country who are on the look-out for suitable recruits, and the long list ranges from banks to missionary societies. This booklet may be obtained, price 2s. 6d. post free, from The Overseas Service College, The Castle, Farnham, Surrey. Many will know already of the five-day courses which Overseas Service run at Farnham Castle to help people going to work in the developing countries, and of their Advisory Service which is always available.

Mission Incomplete

JOHN CALLF

LAST DECEMBER the *Observer* colour supplement came out with a profusely illustrated article by the Rev. Nicholas Stacey, entitled "A Mission's Failure".

It is nearly five years since Nick Stacey, a young parson, ex-Olympic athlete, went down to Woolwich to take over as rector of this industrial riverside parish. Surely no other clergyman can have had such a great send-off from the Press. From the time of his arrival the weekly newspaper of that part of South East London never failed to publicise one or other of his activities, usually describing him as "go-ahead", or "live-wire" to such an exclusive degree that other hard-working parsons in the area must have smiled a trifle wryly. There were pictures of Nick in cassock, toting a handcart through the market place, bearing on it a large cheese and a beauty queen; Nick preaching from the rickety pulpit in the ruins of a blitzed church . . . and so on. At times we felt tempted to rechristen our local paper "Stacey's Weekly".

He raised a great deal of money to convert the disused gallery of the church into a coffee bar for the local 'teds'; from time to time one read of additions to the team of young clergymen he assembled. They included a Cambridge Blue; an Old Etonian who had worked "on the shop floor" and was regarded as a specialist in industrial relations; an Oxford "Triple First"; and, latest to arrive, a young and very radical Methodist minister—the first nonconformist parson to be employed on the staff of an Anglican church.

With such a team of all the talents, one might have expected to hear of sensational success; yet after nearly five years of everything from stunts and gimmicks to hard work

and hard praying, he has to say that they have achieved scarcely any of the things they set out to do.

The regular congregation has increased only from 50 to 100, mostly of more well-to-do people from outside the parish, the Sunday School musters only 25, and last year the number of confirmation candidates was an all-time low of 11.

The clergy have gone out to the people; they have not waited for the people to come to them. There was systematic, regular house-to-house visiting; also hospital visiting, attendance at the local Trades Council, a 24-hour Suicide Samaritans branch was opened. Everything imaginable was done to make the church once more a living centre of the community . . . and yet it turned out that the agency most productive of a community spirit was the bingo club in one of the former church halls.

Local Attitude

What went wrong? From outside one can only speculate. It would not be difficult to sense in Nick a degree of impatience; perhaps he wanted too many 'results' too soon. It may be that the local folk were averse to being rushed off their feet by this sudden combined assault; South East Londoners are a little suspicious of "being done good to and worked amongst" by people with public school accents.

Probably the main reason is that the people of Woolwich just didn't feel the need to be saved from their own situation. The reality of sin no longer means anything; the threat of hell-fire was removed long ago. Now for most of them the local church is part of the social services—a good place to get married in or to have a baby baptised.

Now, after what Nick calls the most exhausting period of his life, he feels that there is as much to be learnt from failure as there would have been from success. It seems to him that the church can never again be the centre of urban community life, and that much of what it used to do will have to be taken over by the social services. "For hundreds of years the ecclesiastical structures have served society

fairly well. Today they are becoming increasingly irrelevant. It is the secular ones that determine the shape and tone of the world. If the Christian has anything to say, he must say it from within them".

Such, then, is the experience in Woolwich. To many orthodox churchmen, of course, the very name Woolwich is like a red rag to a bull; it smacks of deviationism, of "South Bank Christianity". But it is not only on the South Bank of the Thames that there are rumblings and stirrings. More recently still we have had the "Essex Explosion", with Anglican parsons flatly refusing to baptise the babies of parents for whom baptism was all-too clearly little more than a superstition, or something on a level with vaccination. They have been campaigning strongly that babies should receive only "dedication" and that baptism should be restricted to people old enough to ask for it on their own profession of faith in Christ as Lord of their life.

New Winds

For years it has been thought that the main insuperable obstacle to the merger of the Baptist Church with other Free Churches was its insistence on adult believer's baptism. Now there seems to be a growing movement within the Church of England itself to take a leaf out of the Baptists' book! Clearly the old lines of demarcation are being rubbed out and new winds are blowing on both banks of the Thames and far beyond.

Perhaps the churches will become less of public institutions for the casual benefit of people in general, and more of what they were in the first place, "colonies of the Kingdom" set in the midst of an indifferent or even hostile society. If they become once more communities of the redeemed (using that word in its proper, not its 'precious', sense) the Church as a whole may be well on the way to its own redemption.

¶ This is a searching time and an exciting time for Christians, and Toc H should be a place where some of the searching and the excitement could become articulate.



The Lamps are lighted

Vigil in Bristol

JOHNNIE MACMILLAN

OUR HOUR of quiet is something many of us look forward to, and yet when it is granted, as it was to some of us in Bristol on the occasion of the World Chain of Light, we found the hour a crowded one. Some of the events in the twenty-four hours of the Vigil we were taking part in insisted on occupying a space in our thoughts.

One thought of the Service of Devotion on the Friday evening before the start of the Chain; the readings of Vince Carr, Area Chairman; Ken Hunt, District Chairman; Constance Beazley and Evelyn Light of the Women's Association, and the Message read by John Castree, Chairman of the University group. So many members attended

that we had to overflow into the passage. A number therefore could not see the lighting of the two Lamps by Ken and Evelyn but they could hear the alternative form of the Ceremony of Light being used.

As we sat watching the steady flame from the two Lamps, we thought how good it was that the first watch should be taken by Downend Branch, the newest in the Area, and that their partners should be their opposite numbers of the Women's Association from the same part of Bristol.

We could also see beyond the flames to the whole world. Somehow we felt disturbed by some of the many messages that had come in, and challenged to hear from the members in the less affluent countries of the great privilege they felt in being part of the Family of Toc H. And so our prayer was: "O God how can we appreciate this more?"

Nearer at hand we are challenged by the 81 years-young member who turns out at 4 a.m. to take his part in the Vigil. He sees the Family as a whole, young and old; perhaps we need to be reminded that Toc H at its best is about the whole Family.

This was supposed to be a quiet time, and yet how can it be? The books all around us are about the world and its people and we belong with them, and must care about them. This is what Toc H is about—caring.

Strangely we feel refreshed and look forward to the closing service on the Saturday night when we will join Nailsea and Glastonbury and all the thousands who will then be encompassed in those two tiny flames.

Don't say brown
—say **Hovis**

Nigerian Prospect

GEOFFREY CLEAVER

TOC H IN NIGERIA is a movement of Africans: its members and leaders are Nigerian. Moreover, just as important in determining its present character, and even more significant as an augury for the future, it was Nigerians who planted it after the last war.

British members helped to establish it, and some have contact with it from time to time now, but most British members who find themselves in Nigeria are not, by the nature of the work that brings them there, in one place, or even in the country, for long enough, or else are too remote, to be able to join in fully. This is a great pity for Toc H is supremely fitted for bringing white and black together, and Nigeria would be an excellent field for this. Nevertheless, Toc H would be most unlikely to put down deep roots in Nigeria if it were dominated by white people, and it is thus a good thing that this is not the case.

The foundation of the present Movement was due to Nigerians who met Toc H in Britain and were so impressed by it that they returned determined to start it in their own country. The units in Lagos and Idanre are the direct result of such people's work. Ibadan and Akure, on the other hand, were grandsons of British Toc H, being founded by Lagos members who were transferred there.

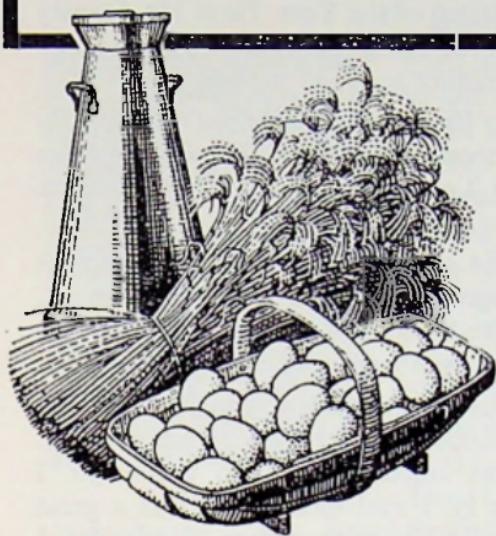
At one time or another Toc H has made a good start and begun to flourish in all these places, and won some very enthusiastic Nigerian members. These have shown themselves, as is to be expected from people so different from the British, capable of making their own distinctive contribution to the Movement. Nevertheless, there are serious difficulties, and these already seem to have proved too much for one or two units.

For instance, a leader who comes because of a transfer can also go for the same reason, and this has happened in several cases. When it does happen, there is no travelling organiser or central committee, or any central organisation at all that can step in to help the unit through. This lack of central organisation is, of course, a very serious handicap. In fact, sad to say, there has been a lack of any contact at all between units and difficulties of communication have made it hard to take even the simplest measures to remedy this. Then there are no Marks or houses or tangible assets of any kind: even the leper settlements in which British Toc H plays a part cannot at present easily be related to the Movement in Nigeria, though perhaps the possibility of some kind of contact should be explored. There is thus a lack of skilled help and guidance, which are always available in Britain and which mean so much. Even the Toc H literature can come out only slowly, and when it does come, by no means every member can read it. All this adds up to crippling isolation both from fellow members and from the springs of the Movement.

Several things will have to be done before Toc H in Nigeria can become a really strong Movement. It could be argued that the very first should be the provision of a house of some kind, which could make an impact on the country by the work it does and serve the Movement not only as a headquarters but also as a centre for working out ideas. But failing this, then a paid organiser on the spot will be essential. Meanwhile, let Branches in Britain note what a lot may come of it when they make Nigerians, or any other overseas visitors for that matter, welcome, and enable them to see and learn about Toc H.

This, of course, should be top priority for many Branches, without there being any thoughts of deliberately trying to spread Toc H abroad. Still, it is to be hoped that this article will act as a spur to units that may have reason to think they have not made the most of their opportunities to welcome foreigners. And whether or not you have Nigerians at your Branch meetings, please remember the problems of Nigerian Toc H, for it is part of the Family.

Delicious OVALTINE



You can't have
too much of
a good thing

Salute for Stanley

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"Dundee Courier & Advertiser".

A YOUNG MAN, who for half his life struggled against physical handicap and survived it to help others, has been voted Dundee's Citizen of the Year. He is Mr. Stanley Frew, 31-year-old co-ordinating producer of the city's Toc H hospital broadcasting service.

The selection of Mr. Frew was announced at the City Chambers yesterday afternoon following a meeting of the committee appointed by Lord Provost McManus to receive nominations.

Mr. Frew is the second person to win the award since its inception three years ago. He succeeds Mrs. Eleanor M. Morgan, organiser of the Dundee W.V.S., as holder of the trophy, which was gifted by cinema owner Mr. J. B. Milne.

When told the news last night Stanley, who lives with his widowed mother at 21 Kilberry Street, said: "I am stunned. After Mrs. Morgan was voted winner two years ago, I interviewed her for Toc H. I said then that it was a great honour for me to meet her. Now they have chosen me, I don't know what to say. It is a tremendous honour, but I would like to think that it has been awarded to Toc H and not me. We are a team. Our service wouldn't be possible if we didn't have so many voluntary helpers".

Stanley, an indoor sales clerk with the British Oxygen Co., Ltd., works unceasingly for patients in Dundee hospitals. Every spare moment goes into arranging or putting out broadcasts from the service's studio in Ann Street. Two years ago he even went without a holiday because it meant missing a vital broadcast.

He joined Toc H ten years ago because he "knew what it was like to be in hospital". He knew, because for the first fourteen years of his life he was either a patient in hospital

or an out-patient at clinics. He is still registered as an out-patient at a city clinic. During those years, for what little time for schooling there was, Stanley attended Fairmuir School for handicapped children. All the time he wore calipers on both legs.

But with the courage and humility that has taken him to the city's premier award, he fought against his adversity and won a place at Rockwell Secondary School. There he took his school leaving certificate.



Stanley Frew

His interest in Toc H sprang from the Saturday afternoons he was taken to Tannadice Park to see Dundee United as a boy. There, he was invited to sell programmes, and from that to putting on records at half-time. Toc H was the obvious next step for one with such an interest in others. Now he 'makes himself available' every night for service duties, and in Frew terms, that means he works at least an hour for Toc H every night. "My two

co-producers, Mrs. Ann Redford and Miss Maureen Kinloch, do the same. They are tireless in their work for the service", Stanley said.

Lord Provost McManus, announcing the committee's unanimous choice, said they were aware that Mr. Frew had done a tremendous amount of work continuously throughout the years on behalf of the hospitals in the area. He broadcast commentaries from football matches every Saturday afternoon, and also arranged mid-week broadcasts of entertainments and Christmas and New Year messages.

Mr. Frew, he said, was the type of person who commended himself, not only to the committee which took the decision, but to the citizens.

Elder Brethren

ALLEN.—On December 4, REGINALD ROBERT ALLEN, aged 67, a member of Hayes (Kent) Branch. Elected 17.11.'58.

BAMFORD.—On December 1, CHARLES BAMFORD, aged 74, a member of Colwyn Bay Branch. Elected 28.8.'40.

BRISTOW.—On November 10, THOMAS ARTHUR GILBERT BRISTOW, aged 65, a member of Newport Branch. Elected 7.3.'46.

BROWN.—On December 5, FRANCIS BROWN, aged 66, a member of Falkirk Central Branch. Elected 14.6.'37.

CHAPMAN.—On December 5, GEORGE COX CHAPMAN, aged 65, a member of Newport Branch. Elected 7.10.'59.

CLARY.—On November 22, SAMUEL GEORGE CLARY ('Jim'), aged 63, a member of Colchester Branch. Elected 27.3.'46.

GRIFFIN.—On December 2, PERCY WARREN GRIFFIN, aged 68, a member of Durdham Down Branch. Formerly War Services Staff and one-time Warden of Mark IX, Bristol. Elected October 1940.

HOLMES.—On November 30, WILLIAM JOSEPH HOLMES, aged 71, a member of Leigh-on-Sea Branch. Elected 1.1.'37.

MOULD.—On December 13, JACK MOULD, O.B.E., aged 74, a West Midlands Area member. Elected 28.3.'34.

PEATS.—On November 28, WILLIAM FRANK PEATS, aged 79, a member of Looe Branch. Elected 27.8.'57.

PERRY.—On November 19, DOUGLAS HOWARD PERRY, aged 56, a member of Hemel Hempstead Branch. Elected 26.11.'56.

SCANDRETT.—On December 21, GRAHAME COLSTON SCANDRETT, aged 54, a member of Southgate Branch. Elected 5.4.'55.

SPOONER.—On December 17, the Rev. HAROLD SPOONER, M.B.E., M.C., aged 84, a member of the Central General Members Branch. Elected 28.5.'51.

TAYLOR.—On December 4, HENRY AUBREY TAYLOR, a member of Christchurch with Southbourne Branch. Elected 5.6.'28.

WILD.—On November 22, JOHN WILD, aged 69, a member of Barnoldswick Branch. Elected 1.5.'33.

In Memoriam

JACK MOULD

Amongst the early pioneers of Toc H in Birmingham was Jack Mould, industrialist, sportsman and youth service administrator, whose energies were of great use when it was decided in the early 1920's to move from Cathedral House, Newhall Street, to the old Alhambra 'pub' in Clifford Street, Lozells. Along with others he helped to build it into Mark VI, a real powerhouse amongst the slums, and still remembered by some of the old folks from around that quarter.

A staunch churchman all his life, Jack expressed his belief in service for others; always interested in youth work, he ran a boys' club, helped at the Kyrle Hall Sunday Night Clubs and for the last sixteen years was Chairman of the Birmingham Federation of Boys' Clubs. It was for this service to young people that he was made O.B.E. in 1956.

In business Jack was chairman and managing director of a firm of builders' merchants and founded one of the best-known amateur Association football teams in the country. For the last five years he had allowed the Shirley Branch to meet in the pavilion at his Sports Ground.

Other interests were the annual St. Dunstan's Walk around the Birmingham Ring Road, which he organised, and car outings for spastics and cripples.

F.G.H.

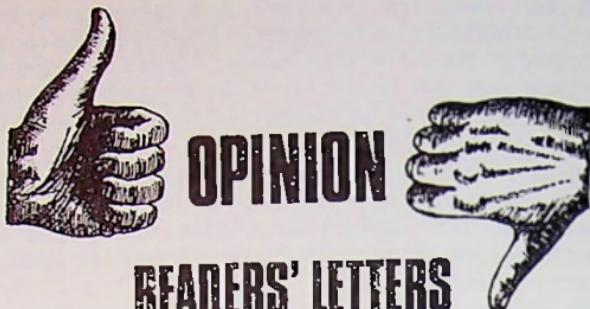


Jubilee Jottings

THE Belgian Post Office is to issue a 3-franc stamp featuring Talbot House, probably on March 14. With the co-operation of the Town Hall and stamp club of Poperinge, a special First Day Cover is being prepared which will bear two of the stamps, a picture of Talbot House, a special cancellation and carry a message from the Burgomaster. The cost will be 2s. 6d. and orders should now be sent to the Jubilee Secretary at 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

Come cruising on the *Balmoral* from Southampton to Ryde on September 18. A round trip of five hours, two hours ashore with Toc H on the Isle of Wight, will cost 12s. 6d. (children 6s. 6d.) excluding sandwiches or buffet; cash in advance. 500 places, through Arthur Ridge, "St. Eval", Upper Crescent Road, N. Baddesley, Southampton.

Well over two hundred copies of the designs for Jubilee floral displays have been issued and several Branches report complimentary comment from the professional gardeners. A chance here to exchange visits with them which might promote mutual growth!



OPINION

READERS' LETTERS

Volunteer Wanted

WOULD ANY MEMBER or other interested chap care to spare a fortnight next August to help with a holiday we hold down here for a party of boys from the South London Family Service Unit? We call it a camp but in effect accommodation is in a church hall, with meals served in the nearby Broadstairs Branch room.

This venture has been running for a number of years. The man in charge is a schoolmaster and he is helped by two or three sixth form boys, some from his own school and some found by John Mitchell. He is, however, badly in need of another adult helper and, owing to the seasonal nature of this district, it is virtually impossible to find anyone local who can give time in the high season.

Only fifteen boys attend the camp, but owing to their home background an unusual degree of supervision is necessary. We are assured by the workers at the Family Service Unit that they derive great benefit from this holiday at the sea and the break from their depressing normal life.

HOWARD HALL

5 The Ridgeway,
Margate, Kent.

On Ceremony

I FEEL THAT the alternative form is not a Ceremony of Light at all. To me it is just a very lovely prayer which could be used in homegoing prayers at any time, the reciting of which does not make a Ceremony of Light as the Branch does not enter into it as in the old form. I have well over thirty years membership in Toc H but do not object to change as such. I am quite willing to accept the dropping of Binyon's lines from the Ceremony.

The use of one or the other forms as optional smacks to me of disunity. It would be interesting to know which form will be used for the Jubilee Year Festival.

Eastbourne,

DAN PARFITT

Sussex.

American Tribute

ENCLOSED PLEASE find cheque for 50 shillings, to celebrate your 50th anniversary. So much has developed in the last half century, and one of the very best, Toc H. Wish I could send a lot more.

(Mrs.) ELLA MASON
Winthrop 52,
Mass., U.S.A.



JUBILEE BOOKINGS

The Time is Now!

All Branch and group Secretaries should now be in possession of (a) the programme of the National Celebrations in London, (b) a Branch Application Form for tickets, returnable by March 1, and (c) a list of some 150 Jubilee events so far arranged in other parts of the country. Members of the Women's Association, General Members, Builders and other friends wishing to participate are asked to apply through the local Branch of Toc H wherever possible. If this is not practicable, they should write immediately to the Jubilee Secretary, Toc H, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3, for full details and application form for tickets.

The National Celebrations will include:—

- May 15. Jubilee Sports at Battersea Park.
Marks Reunion at the Corn Exchange.
16. Garden Party at Windsor Castle (by gracious permission of Her Majesty the Queen).
17. Guildhall Reception by the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London.
18. Reception for Overseas Members by the Governor of the Tower of London.
21. Old House Reunion at Goldsmiths' Hall.
Celebrity Concert at the Royal Festival Hall.
22. Thanksgiving Services at St. Paul's Cathedral and the City Temple. Festival Evening at the Royal Albert Hall.

There will also be two full day study groups on "Working Together" and "Living Together" and a variety of other events.

Special Arrangements

Certain events in the Jubilee calendar require separate bookings. Some of these, with the name of the person to whom enquiries and applications should be addressed, are given below.

April 27/29. London to Poperinge race open to boys from affiliated schools, Toc H Volunteers, Marksmen and others. John Mitchell, Toc H Headquarters.

May 15. National Jubilee Sports at Battersea Park. M. B. Elson, Toc H Headquarters.

June 19/20. Poperinge Celebrations. A full weekend programme. G. R. R. Martin, Toc H H.Q.

June 26 /
July 17. Norfolk Broads cruise of the old wherry. Albion. An opportunity for young men in parties of 20, to sail for a week under a real character of a skipper and meet Toc H ashore. Peter Talbot, 62 High Street, Lowestoft.

July 16/22. North Wales Summer School at Bangor with excursions into Snowdonia. Rev. J. I. Jones, Bryn Hyfryd, TrofARTH, Nr. Abergele, Denbighs.

July 31 /
Aug. 7. Toc H Week with the Othona Community. Roy Boon, 197 Ladysmith Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

Sept. 4/11. Toc H Week at Iona. Miss F. M. Beeton, 25 Montpelier, Edinburgh, 10.

Sept. 18. Solent Cruise from Southampton to the Isle of Wight. Arthur Ridge, "St. Eval", Upper Crescent Road, N. Baddesley, Southampton.

Oct. 7/22. Tour of the Holy Land. John Callf, Toc H Headquarters.

A special Belgian stamp of 3 francs, featuring Talbot House, will be issued in March, and arrangements are in hand for First Day Covers to be posted from Poperinge at a cost of 2s. 6d. Orders with details of addressees should be sent to the Jubilee Secretary immediately.

"Happiness, Happiness . . ."

Specially drawn for the RNLI by Eric Fraser FSA

AS A VERY recent recruit to Toc H, I must confess I read Ray Fabes' December article with some amazement, later puzzlement. Was the writer being earnest or heavily humorous?

I deprecate the arbitrary judgement that labels the opinion of a mature rector as "absolute rot". One may disagree, but at the same time think fairly with respect to the cloth. Perhaps fourteen hours a day *does* emanate from Radio Caroline. Anything to stop people thinking; no "still small voice" for high-pressure (and high-pay) advertisement. No, I shall certainly not try listening to any beat for hours on end; my constitution is not that strong!

Ray follows with "beat music . . . the words are . . . inane . . . does that matter?" Not in the least, if one can ignore the fact that intelligent speech is the factor separating men from beasts.

Music can be judged fairly by what it does to the hearer; the compelling cadence of bagpipes that keeps tired men marching, or with different shriller call makes cowards brave; the hypnotic throb and beat of Caribbean marimbas, steel guitars and shak-shaks, guaranteed to induce amnesia and mob-hysteria; the mind-soothing tones of organ music; the waltz music of Strauss, all have their place in their differing effect on the mind. I have no love for "Beat", which in any case seems an irregular beat, sort of firing on three cylinders. I for one am in step with the rector, which puts me out of step with Ray.

Beckley,
Sussex.

HARRY FORBES



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Caravan Capers

WHEN IT COMES to Social Service Mr. Bayes, our new R.I. master, is much more of a slave driver than even our Headmaster could be. Our story begins one Thursday, when Mr. Bayes, an active member of Toc H, told us that this organisation had given the school an old caravan. He asked us if we were prepared to renovate it so that needy people from industrial areas could come into the country, and have somewhere to stay free of charge. We agreed unanimously.

There was one important difficulty, the caravan was in no fit condition to be towed, so a form of transport was sought. One Friday evening a Chadwick's coal lorry rolled through Pickering, carrying its vital load from West Ayton. There were one or two mishaps getting the caravan onto the lorry, but we overcame them all with time and brute strength.

When we started work on the caravan, it was soon obvious that it was in very bad state indeed. This was made evident, when one member of 6B accidentally pushed a screwdriver through a wall.

It was at this stage that we heard the good news that a second caravan had been given to the school, this one in good condition. Permission was given to have a site on the school grounds at the bottom of the hill from the Lower playing field.

Mr. Bayes called a meeting. On the board he wrote a list of the things that had to be done to make the site habitable. Then he said casually, "There's a family coming in a fortnight. Get on with it".

What could we say? We got down to work. We dug a soakaway, we dug a drainage ditch, we built foundations, we laid on water, we laid a path, we built a toilet hut, we put up a fence, and we finished the day before the family were due to arrive.

We boys had made a place where existence was possible, but the girls made the caravan into a home. They dusted

and polished, made blankets and mattress covers, and the caravan and its site, though not "All mod. cons. de luxe, etc.", is a very pleasant place, and we all hope that those staying will have wonderful holidays.

The old saying, "Ask, and it shall be given", is very true. We have proved it, because for the caravan we needed hundreds of articles, ranging from an Elsan toilet, to mustard, including Calor gas, blankets, cutlery and crockery. To buy these things we had one donated pound, but it was never necessary to use it. Whatever we needed, great or small, there was someone, somewhere, who was prepared to give it. What a wonderful thought. We are very grateful to anyone who helped in any way.

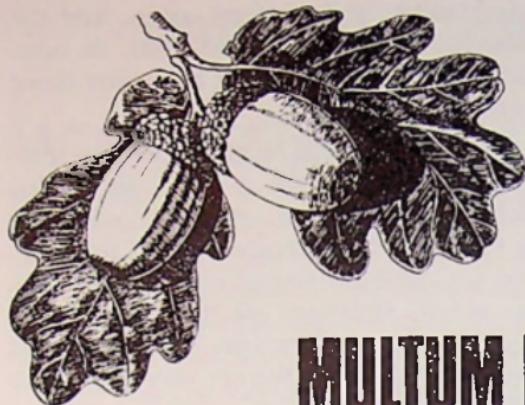
As to the future, the old caravan is still to renovate. We need materials, hardboard, glass, paint. In fact, you name it, we need it. We are really enjoying working on the caravans, and I for one would not be at all surprised, if, when the old wreck is finished, we still have that pound in the kitty.

GEOFFREY WEBSTER, 6.B.

[This article is reprinted from "The Beacon", the magazine of Lady Lumley's School, Pickering, Yorks. Since the job was done some pupils have continued to correspond with the families who used the caravan. Another direct result was that three senior boys volunteered for vacation work in the Toc H Schools Project at White Windows Cheshire Home and have since joined the Toc H Volunteers.—ED.]

Mark Well

The Honorary Mark Warden. At the end of his normal day's work he returns to the Mark to spend his evenings dealing with the Mark's affairs. He is at his unpaid duty seven days a week, and only those in close touch know just what that means. Who, in the name of Toc H, does a better job than he does? Friend, can you well answer this question?



MULTUM IN PARVO

* REG. STEWART leaves Scotland this month for Australia for an initial six-month period of full-time staff work.

* R. A. R. ('Bob') LESLIE has been appointed Hon. Area Secretary for Scotland. He is being assisted by Mrs. H. D. MCKINNA to whose home, 35 Plewlands Avenue, Edinburgh 10 (Morningside 1125), the Area Office has been moved.

* NOEL BAKER resigned from the staff at the end of January.

* JOHN DESSAUER has now assumed responsibility for the metropolitan part of Eastern London Area.

* JUBILEE BOOKINGS. The Application Form for Tickets for the London Week should now be in the hands of Branch Secretaries. They are asked to study it carefully and take the appropriate action by the due date.

* W. J. ('BILL') HARRIS has ceased to be Notts. & Derby Area Secretary on appointment as full-time Toc H staff for the City of Nottingham.

* NEIL MACDONALD, a Toc H Volunteer, has taken up a temporary Staff appointment for work on Schools and Youth Projects in Southampton.

* DEREK AUSTIN, a Toc H Volunteer, has joined the Staff on a temporary appointment to undertake Youth Projects work in Leeds.

* EAST ANGLIA Hon. Divisional Correspondents: The following appointments have been made:

CONSTABLE DIVISION: E. R. Taylor, 8 Arundel Way, Ipswich, Suffolk.

GOGS DIVISION: S. J. Adams, 28 Minden Drive, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

NORFOLK DIVISION: A. J. Brooke, 16 Swanton Grove, Dereham, Norfolk.

Knocking the Pop

JOHN DESSAUER

No one likes to be a kill-joy but truth must out and the world of 'pop' music as painted by Ray Fables in his article, "Happiness, Happiness . . ." in the December 1964 JOURNAL would seem at times to present only one side of a very complex picture.

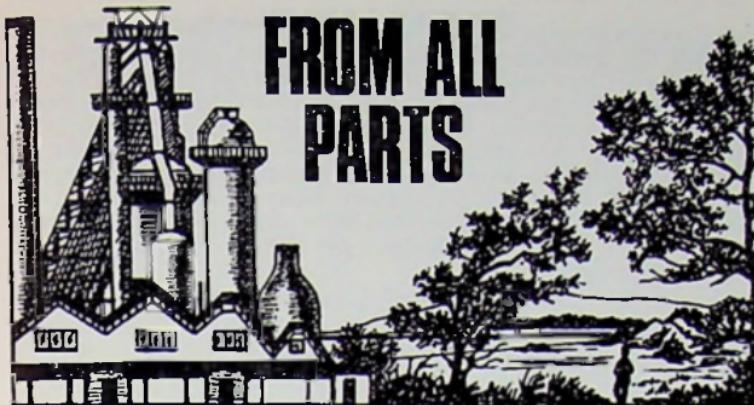
Pop music is like most commodities, harmless taken in the right quantities, but what of those who eat, work, play and sometimes sleep with a constant background of transistorised pop? To some extent these people, predominantly in the teenage group, have become dependent upon something which is as much a drug to them as heroin is to the junky, or alcohol to the compulsive drinker. Fortunately our habitual pop consumer suffers none of the discomforts or penalties of the drug or liquor addict, but this does not release him from a dependence upon his musical background noise to sustain him through the day. It is indeed a form of crutch to lean upon, and frequently the crutch becomes a necessity of life without which the worker cannot work, the student cannot study and the thinker cannot think. This is surely wrong on purely moral grounds. To become addicted to sound degrades as much as any other form of addiction. Pop music as a form of light relaxation, yes, but as a staff of life as necessary as bread, no.

Let us remember that the large bulk of pop records are bought by the teenager and sub-teenager. It is also a fact that many of these teenagers are at the stage where hero worship is perfectly natural to them. The wartime teenager placed the fighter pilot upon a pedestal; today his place has been taken by the pop singer. This would not matter very much were it not for the corollary of this hero worship that has the worshippers emulating their hero's actions and deeds. Many singers' promoters are well aware of this and

are at great pains to project their singers' image in such a way as to win everyone's, including the parents', approval. This is sometimes taken to an almost embarrassing degree. We all know that the Beatles wash their hair once a day; that Adam Faith goes to church (didn't he appear on *Sunday Break?*); that Cliff Richard thinks the Duke of Edinburgh "a great guy". Unfortunately there is a more than equal number of pop stars whose public image, through mischance or design, does not shine as brightly as their silver discs. The newspaper placards all too often tell of pop singers arrested, pop stars jailed, or pop idols involved in some form of immoral behaviour. In an age when the 'new morality' is frequently the old morality overthrown such examples can do no good and a great deal of harm.

The content of the pop tune is also open to question. Leaving aside all mention of the musical value of the tunes themselves, it could be asked if many of the lyrics reflect anything like a healthy approach to life and life's values. The materialistic yardstick is frequently the basis of a pop's message and when this is not the case there often occurs a not very subtle 'double talk' within the lyrics which, at their mildest, contain implications of sexual promiscuity. Those who claim that no one listens to the words anyway, ignore the psychological fact that if you hear the same message ten times a day it will have some effect upon you, whether it merely tells you to post early for Christmas or to go out and commit adultery.

Pop music is like all forces in this world; it can be used for good or evil. If the Civil Rights supporters have their songs of encouragement, so do the Ku Klux Klan. The pop song can give us happiness and encourage us to relax, to gain the party spirit. Equally the pop tune is now big business, at times a ruthless business, where ideals do not always reach the same height as record sales. 'Tin Pan Alley' merchants have a wider contact with 'Generation X' than any other medium. The happiness disappears and tragedy occurs when they do not live up to their responsibilities.



AREA NEWS

SOUTH WALES & MONMOUTHSHIRE

HAVERFORDWEST Branch is situated on the coast in the National Park of Pembrokeshire, one of the loveliest parts of Wales. It is also one of the most isolated Branches in this country, the nearest contact being thirty miles to the East. Late in 1963 the Branch Chairman shook us by suggesting that we should set up a holiday home for handicapped people and that £30,000 ought to cover the cost! All this, from fifteen members, in a town of 8,000, with twelve churches and chapels and umpteen other organisations, seemed a little too tall an order, and it was agreed to lower the sights slightly and aim at getting a couple of caravans.

The Women's Branch joined us in the scheme. The Chairman set an example by collecting small weekly subscriptions from his work-mates in the Post Office engineers; the ladies gave their services as baby-sitters; the men and women combined for carol-singing; the men organised a collection at the local football Derby on Boxing Day; and jumble sales were held. By February they had £80 in the fund and the Branch had become better known than at any other time since it began in 1935.

Soon came a handsome gift of £300 from the Variety Club of Great Britain, and in April we had the opportunity to buy a chalet which would provide more room and better facilities than a caravan could afford. During the summer of 1964 the members put in a lot of work on repairs and redecorations and were able to let it commercially for five weeks to cover the cost of further improvements.

All this hard endeavour now means that the chalet will be opened officially on May 29, during Toc H Jubilee Year, to give much needed holidays for deserving families and handicapped children. And that's not quite all! The Branch also intends to run a caravan from which to raise an income to keep the chalet going.

GEORGE JONES

WESTERN LONDON

When the members of RUISLIP Branch were considering in the Autumn what they could do towards marking the Jubilee of Toc H in 1965, they thought about the blind and aged folk who are regularly taken on a summer outing. How nice it would be to see more of them and to take them out oftener, not for long journeys on which they are apt to become tired, or in large numbers, but in twos and threes and fours for short journeys to local beauty spots, to the Blind Fellowship Club and perhaps to an occasional local amateur dramatic show. This, they thought, would be a fine thing to do in the year to come.

But why wait for that? Why not acquire forthwith a second-hand minibus? No sooner said than done! Members put their hands in their pockets to the tune of more than £100 and the vehicle was duly bought. At the time of writing it has not been on the road yet because some modifications are necessary, but they should not take long now. A friend of the Branch has most kindly provided a parking space until a covered garage can be found.

This imaginative Jubilee effort will give great pleasure throughout this year and onwards to many passengers, to say nothing of the Ruislip members. We wish them all many safe and happy journeys.

MAYNE ELSON

In January, UXBRIDGE opened their new headquarters building at Ickenham and this was the climax of many months of hard work and an outlay of over £1,000. The Branch had been engaged in a whirl of fund-raising activities all last summer. The wooden sectional building is large and stands on a spacious piece of ground which will also feature in the Branch's activities.

JOHN GINGELL

SURREY

All the plans are now finalised for our Vigil in the Queen's Regiment Chapel in Guildford Cathedral. The services there, especially the evensong on Sunday, December 12, will have a Toc H flavour, and although a selected bunch of us will probably be locked in the Cathedral overnight, members from surrounding Areas, and perhaps visitors from further afield who have not yet visited the Cathedral, may well wish to join us for part of the twenty-four hours.

Our first attempt for many years at a Family Day in Surrey took place in November at Leatherhead and was a great success. Over a hundred members from all the men's and women's units assembled for the afternoon and early evening. The contact between ourselves and the Women's Association had been very poor and we took this opportunity of exchanging news and aspirations, especially our many plans for Jubilee Year. Elsa Perrin and Nancy Griffiths from the W.A. staff, together with leading members from both sides of the Movement, set the scene with accounts of all the units' activities, before Ken Western, himself a recent visitor to Botha's Hill, introduced the Etembeni slides. These are getting many showings around the Area and are helping immensely to promote a keen interest in our Jubilee amongst outside organisations.

RAY FABES



Tommy and Dorothy Trinder with son Bobby
and Ivor Barker in Dor Knap kitchen.

DOR KNAP

Dor Knap at nightfall in the winter, the wind blowing through the trees like the sound of waves pounding upon the shore . . . the house that once contained the basic ingredients of human relationships now silent. No laughter and fun, clatter of plates, the ringing of the Chapel bell. No sound of the gong for meals and sessions, or noise of varying activities. Thoughts go back over the past year to the many sessions to which over 800 came to seek to know more about the Family, to seek a sense of purpose.

As to the house itself, much progress has been made, both inside and outside, and the Editor has already told you that his Seniors were responsible for finding the well. There is still much to do; work on the games room, for which we owe such a lot to the Wednesfield contingent; the car park, where Easter week will find the boys hard at it; the road in need of repair; the outside of the house to have a new coat of paint for the Jubilee; the usual menial tasks, tree felling, wood chopping, gardening; and grounds to be prepared for the Pageant for Open Day on Whit Monday. Carpenters, builders, electricians and labourers—all will be required to sign on. So ensure that you book your place at Dor Knap. You have need of it, and it needs you. If you have any special talent, let your party leader know, so that we can prepare for your arrival and Dor Knap can benefit by your efforts. The bookings for 1965 were printed in the January JOURNAL, and it is hoped that members will endeavour to support their Areas' and the Central Weekend parties. And what about the Warden's Week, August 21-28? They say it's the best of the year and the Warden modestly agrees.

TOMMY TRINDER

OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY

How difficult it is for a family to have a holiday together if one of its members is handicapped. There are problems in boarding-houses and hotels if a daughter is mentally backward, or a father has times when he cannot control the shaking of his hands, or a boy is a spastic. To help in such situations and many others, the Reading District of the Women's Association thought of obtaining a large caravan and placing it in a suitable spot where shopping and holiday facilities were available, and where Branch members could occasionally offer to help.



One family who used the caravan at Henley

From the proceeds of a fete held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the W.A. the District made a substantial start to the fund to purchase the caravan, and the rest of the Area, both men and women, got on the band-wagon with money and gifts of equipment, so that the first holiday-makers came along last May. The caravan was based at Henley-on-Thames, not very far from the river and on an approved caravan site. It was used by many families with different backgrounds and problems during the season which lasted four months. The weather was mostly very good and the comments and gratitude most encouraging.

Of course mistakes were made; the organising committee missed out on such simple things as the provision of egg-cups and a tin-opener! We were very fortunate to find a couple who lived on the nearby permanent site, who readily offered to welcome families as they arrived. These came from many parts of the country—and all were sponsored by some Branch of Toc H. A charge of £3 for each

week was made, and the sponsoring Branch was responsible for this (usually the family could and did pay), and for seeing that travelling was made as easy as possible. At the Henley end members of the local Branches visited and sometimes arranged to take the families on car outings.

Bookings have already started for the 1965 season, June 6 to September 25, and if any Branch knows of a family that needs a holiday and has special difficulties, details can be obtained from Mr. and Mrs. R. Devine, 212 Silverdale Road, Earley, Reading. The caravan has a double berth and two single ones (and it is possible to put a third mattress between the two), but the accommodation is not suitable for someone needing special nursing attention.

JOHN LARTER

SUSSEX

Some readers may recall reading in the JOURNAL for January 1960 of how BOGNOR REGIS Branch founded their Old Folks' Rest Room, largely as a result of the "Keynotes" campaign which was running at the time. It has now been going for five years and has a regular clientele of over sixty O.A.Ps, with a daily average attendance of over twenty-five. The amenities include television, radio, reading matter, games, light refreshments at nominal prices, and occasional parties, outings and whist drives. In all this work the Branch has had great backing from the other nearby men's and women's Branches and from many local friends.

Not long ago serious damage in the roof necessitated the raising of £500, but Bognor Regis members found once again that no worthwhile job can be too big to tackle, if only we use the standard Toc H practice of recruiting all our friends and kindred organisations to lend a hand. The money has been raised; the building is now sound and weatherproof; and by the time the Branch members have completed their programme of interior painting and redecorating the whole place will be good as new and worthy of the old folk who use it.

RON HARRISON

Over two years ago Cyril Cattell met a small group of men around a fireplace in Lewes to plan the rebirth of Toc H in the town. Therefore it was most appropriate that he, now General Secretary, should return late in November to present the Lamp to the new Branch that had sprung from that small beginning. Amongst the hundred or so well-wishers present that night was the man who had accepted that same Lamp in the Albert Hall nearly forty years before.

One amusing incident occurred the Saturday after this event. Two of the four 'Jacks' in the Branch were running a barrel-organ around the streets collecting for the Hellingly Hospital, where several of the local units do valuable work amongst the mental patients. Whilst standing in the High Street they were approached by a couple who said they were going to be married at the Registry Office, but did not have any witnesses. Our two Jacks willingly obliged, and although it was a very unexpected duty, they also gathered a pound for their collecting tin! If this isn't being flexible I don't know what is!

RAY FABES



Chester Chronicle.

These youngsters, who have just been presented with their cycling proficiency certificates, are members of the cycling safety class run by Saughall Branch.

MANCHESTER & NORTH WESTERN

The new Joint group at Levenshulme is making very good progress. Brought together initially by a common interest in the Manchester Children's Camp, they are now ready to tackle anything that needs to be done in their locality. The highlight of their winter programme was a dinner for over one hundred old people in January. This is a not unfamiliar pattern, people getting together to do something and a desire to meet arising out of this, but it is still not sufficiently recognised that much future extension will have to be along this line. Recently some new members were initiated at Levenshulme, including Peter who is deaf and dumb. A member of the staff of the local Deaf and Dumb College very kindly came along and acted as interpreter. There are also prospects of extension at Higher Poynton and Rishton.

In the North West the big event recently was the handing over of a Lamp to HESWALL Branch. The Area Chairman, George Eustance, did it all with his usual grace and charm and a large attendance of members and friends gave the new member of the Family a good send-off.

Mobile Action in Liverpool has got off to an auspicious start. The group have already several completed jobs to their credit and a project at White Windows Cheshire Home took place during the Christmas vacation. Some of the Marksmen from Gladstone House have also undertaken a job and prospects for development here would seem to be good.

JACK SHAW

Spirit of Warden Manor

JIMMY NEILLY

NOT LONG AGO seventeen people met together for an unusual afternoon. "Bill Brewer", complete with farm smock and gumboots, drove up to a house in Hemel Hempstead, to be greeted by a family of villainous looking pirates. Other arrivals took place and the afternoon was spent with a picnic at Ivinghoe Beacon.

The common bond in this case was Warden Manor. The group had shared the experience of Warden not only this year but last year also. Next year they will be together again and, it is likely, for years to come.

Many old Wardenites will claim the end of an era was reached on Vic Martin's retirement from active participation in the life of Warden Manor, and the death of "Bill" his wife. Things of sterling worth do not, however, easily die. The Manor continues to offer to those who seek not only an unusual holiday but a lively experience of active and enduring fellowship; for the spirit which motivated the creators of the Warden experience still remains. The season which has just come to a close makes this abundantly clear. Many new faces and families have appeared. Perhaps a new generation of Wardenites is springing up, a generation which has soon become aware that the simple but beautiful chapel is as significant as the House itself.

We still have the barbecue fire in the darkness, with Vic turning up to regale the party with his old yet evergreen stories, or the 'Sheppey Olympiad' held on the croquet lawn. The weekly play still recalls costumed characters from the past, and swimming parties continue to thrive. The weekly Banquet and Ball still hold sway, and everyone joins in tripping the light fantastic under the multi-coloured lights of the Royal Cowshed. Reading of the weekly Log and presentation of competition prizes still take place on

Friday evening before the sending up of the ceremonial rocket at Warden Point and the linking of hands in "Auld Lang Syne".

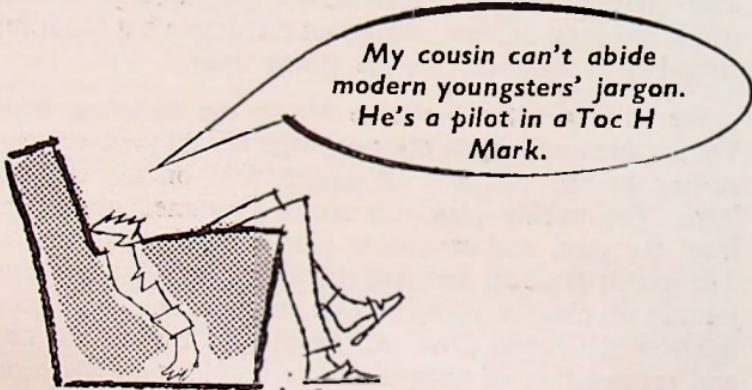
Happiness, laughter, jollity. These are all keywords of any week at Warden Manor, where young and not so young blend in harmonious family. It is significant that in the space of a few weeks the Warden Spirit claimed at least five new members for Toc H.

Yes, Warden has perhaps entered a new phase, an era which promises everything offered by the past, and more. Truly may we say "The Manor is dead; Long live the Manor". The pulse is strong and the spirit unquenchable.

WARDEN MANOR JUBILEE REUNION

Vic Martin and many old Wardenites will be foregathering at the Grocers' Hall, E.C.2, from 7-10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, during London Week, for a special Warden Reunion. There will be light refreshments and entertainment by the London Toc H Male Voice Choir. Applications for tickets to the Jubilee Secretary at Toc H Headquarters, using the Jubilee Application Form.

Ernie says :





AROUND THE WORLD

The Power of Ideas

THE OCTOBER issue of *The Link* of Australia provides a good deal to take to heart. One contribution is a talk given by ALAN ROSEVEAR, the Hon. Commissioner for Tasmania, on Toc H and the Community. One would have liked to reprint it in full because of its sheer worth; the last paragraphs are these:—

It was a far greater mind than mine which said: "A thought is an individual thing". The culmination of a thought can be the work of a multitude.

I received an illustration of this whilst I was attending the Australian Executive in Melbourne just a week ago. The Commissioner for Queensland, in passing and merely to illustrate a point, made reference to a situation that has arisen in Brisbane.

It appears that, through the credit restriction, a major social problem has been created among the half and quarter-caste Aboriginal population of that State. These people over the whole of the State were the first to lose their employment—and they are the last to regain it. They are not welcomed on the reservations of their full-blooded cousins and gravitate to the city.

Aborigines are the responsibility of the State and are not a Commonwealth charge. The one privately run hostel in Brisbane, operated by a wonderful lady, with the consent of her equally wonderful husband, is designed to accommodate 17 persons with all costs paid by this couple out of the average earnings of the husband. This hostel at the moment is accommodating 97 persons with Aboriginal blood, who are denied State Social Service at least to the same degree as we newer Australians. Toc H Queensland heard of this and arranged an invitation to this hostel. They stayed for the day and saw these 97 people given a lunch of one piece of bread fried in dripping; stayed longer and saw the same people share half a bag of potatoes for their evening dinner.

They have been able to engender such public reaction to this situation that, pending Parliamentary procedure to correct this state of affairs, Members of Parliament and senior public servants (includ-

ing the Commissioner of Police) have formed a subscription list to finance essential foodstuffs. A committee of organisations, headed by Toc H, Rotary and Apex, are working toward the establishment of a permanent hostel. Toc H Queensland are small in numbers, but we approved of their breadth of ideas and their sense of community service.

If Toc H Branches, wherever they are, can apply their corporate gift of mental perception, how strong can their presence be in their own community.

If I give the impression that the work of Toc H amongst the community may be hard, may be constant, may perhaps be everlasting, then I am glad, for how great is our debt to society, and how much greater is our debt for the gift we enjoy of life itself.

Noises off

To be personal, are you troubled with a recurrent curfew? Do infiltrators molest your rest? Do you long for a Guest-night which is, somehow, 'different'? If so, you may get ideas from a recent evening planned by the Singapore Joint group, as described by Doreen Clarke, the Secretary.

7 o'clock news. Report of scattered fighting in the course of a Muslim procession.

8.15 p.m. Guest-night off to a good start. Bishop Sansbury initiates Mollie Rudd.

9.00 p.m. Someone arrives hot-foot and breathless: "Curfew at 11.30"! Mild consternation. The Bishop speeds up his talk.

9.10 p.m. Loud speaker van heard in street. What is he saying?—"Curfew at 9.30". Considerable consternation; controlled rush for the door. No vote of thanks?

9.13 p.m. Where have all the members gone?

Next day rather similar. Morning broadcast announces fresh curfew from 11.30 a.m. till 6 a.m. the following day. Can the typist at Talbot House get home in time? Can Doreen's *amah* be stopped before she leaves home?—alas no. *Amah* arrives at 11.20, all unaware; stays put for nearly 24 hours. As Doreen says, "Why worry?"

JOURNAL SMALLS

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